[Mr. M. N. Pillai.]

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): It is about Rs. 30 a month.

MR. M. N. PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): Then it is better that the zoo is closed.

PRESIDENT: You cannot argue; you can only put a question.

Extension of Service to Mr. Thomas Varghese, Sirkar Vakil.

128. MR. M. N. PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): (*a*) Is it a fact that the Head Sirkar Vakil has recommended a second extension of service to Mr. Thomas Varghese, Sirkar Vakil, Kottayam?

(*b*) Will they be pleased to state whether they are going to grant another extension to him?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*):

(*a*) No.

(*b*) The extension of service already given to Mr. Thomas Varghese expires only on the 17th Medam, 1099. The consideration of the question of a further extension of his service is premature now.

Extension of Service to Mr. V. Subba Aiyar.

129. MR. M. N. PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): (*a*) How many times has the present Additional Head Sirkar Vakil been given extension of service up to this?

(*b*) Will the Government be pleased to state the special reason why such special consideration was shown to this officer when other high officers like High Court Judges were not shown any such consideration?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*):

(*a*) Three.

(*b*) Mr. Subba Aiyar is still, in the opinion of the Government, physically and mentally quite fit. His retention in the service has been sanctioned on public grounds.

MR. M. N. PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): Sir, I wish to know what the 'public grounds' referred to in the answer are.

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The ground is that Mr. Subba Aiyar's presence as Law Member of this Council is essential in the early life of the Council.

MR. M. N. PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): Do the Government think that there are no capable Travancoreans?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Sir, that is not a supplementary question.

PRESIDENT: It does not arise.

MR. M. N. PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): Has Mr. Subba Aiyar been certified physically fit?

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